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SUBJECT: THREE KILLED AT BORDER

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1. THREE PROTESTANT MEN, TWO FROM PORTADOWN, ONE FROM HILLSBOROUGH WERE SHOT TO DEATH SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 3 NEAR THE BORDER CROSSING POINT OF KILLEEN THREE MILES FROM NEWRY. THE MEN WERE IN A VOLKSWAGON TOWING A TRAILER CARRYING DOGS AND WERE RETURNING TO NORTHERN IRELAND FROM A DOG SHOW IN CORK, IRELAND. THE MEN WERE SHOT TO DEATH BY WHAT AUTHORITIES BELIEVE TO BE ARMALITE AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND THERE WERE SIXTY BULLET HOLES IN THE AUTOMOBILE AND TRAILER REPRESENTING THREE FULL CLIPS OF ARMALITE AMMUNITION

2. LOYALIST PRESS AND POLITICIANS IN NORTH BELIEVE STRONGLY CAR FOLLOWED FROM INSIDE REPUBLIC AND THAT KILLERS RETURNED TO REPUBLIC. SECURITY FORCES REPORTEDLY RECEIVING COOPERATION FROM GARDAI IN INVESTIGATING WHETHER VICTIMS BROKE JOURNEY BETWEEN CORK AND BORDER FOR FOOD OR DRINK AT PUBLIC PLACE.

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3. NORMAL CONCERN OVER SECTARIAN ASSASSINATIONS COMPOUNDED

THIS INSTANCE BY OTHER FACTORS: SUSPICION OF CROSS-BORDER
ATTACK RAISES EXTRADITION CONTROVERSY, REALITY PROVISIONAL
IRA CEASE-FIRE WILL BE QUESTIONED BY LOYALISTS, FACTS THAT TWO OF
MEN RESIDENT PORTADOWN IN "MURDER TRIANGLE" AND ONE OF THEM
SERGEANT IN ULSTER DEFENSE REGIMENT ALMOST GUARANTEE RETALIATION
AGAINST CATHOLICS BY PROTESTANT ACTION FORCE (REFTEL) AND LEVEL
DISCUSSION IN CONVENTION LIKELY BE AFFECTED.
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